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SUBJECT: REPORT TO NATO MINISTERS ON MEDITERRANEAN  
SITUATION (MED REPORT)

REF: (A) USNATO 6447; (B) STATE 253439; (C) USNATO 6291

1. ON NOVEMBER 26, POLADS CONSIDERED MODIFICATIONS TO DRAFT MED REPORT WHICH HAD BEEN SUGGESTED BY PERMREPS IN NOVEMBER 20 NAC CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT. POLADS AGREED TO THE BELOW-LISTED CHANGES AND A REVISED MED REPORT (CM(74)79 (REVISED)) HAS BEEN CIRCULATED BY THE IS. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RAISED BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 4, THE REPORT WILL BE CONSIDERED AS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO THE MINSITERS UNDER ITEM II-B OF THE AGENDA. MISSIO PLANS TO OFFER NO OBJECTIONS UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.

2. THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS ARE KEYED TO THE PARAGRAPHS OF THE EARLIER DRAFT WHICH DEPARTMENT RECEIVED IN REF C:

PARA 6: INSERT PRIOR TO ANTE-PENULTIMATE SENTENCE THE FOLLOWING: "THIS IDEA WAS TAKEN UP AGAIN IN THE DECLARATION PUBLISHED FOLLOWING MR. FAHMI'S VISIT TO MOSCOW IN OCTOBER. THE DEBATE IN THE UNITED NATIONS WAS A SIGNIFICANT STEP LEADING TO INCREASED INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE PLO."

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PARA 7: CHANGE TITLE TO READ: "SOVIET NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE AREA."

PARA 12: ADD TO END OF PARAGRAPH: "IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT

SOVIET TRAINING ACTIVITY IS BEING CONDUCTED IN SYRIA."

PARA 14: AMEND THIRD SENTENCE TO READ: "OTHER REPORTS HAVE IT THAT THE SOVIET-LIBYAN AGREEMENT INCLUDES THE DELIVERY OF MIG-23-FLOGGER AIRCRAFT BUT THIS HAS NOT YET TAKEN PLACE."

PARA 15: DELETE LAST SENTENCE AND REPLACE BY: "PILOT TRAINING BY THE SOVIETS IN IRAQ IS CONFIRMED."

PARA 16: AMEND TITLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "SOVIET USE OF NAVAL FACILITIES IN YUGOSLAVIA." AFTER SECOND FULL SENTENCE, INSERT THE FOLLOWING: "THE NEW YUGOSLAV REGULATIONS ARE RESTRICTIVE, HOWEVER, PARTICULARLY IN THEIR APPLICATION TO WARSHIPS. IF THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE VIGOROUSLY ENFORCED THE NEW LAW'S BENEFIT TO THE SOVIETS COULD BE LIMITED."

PARA 17: NEW TITLE AS FOLLOWS: "BULGARIA, RUMANIA AND HUNGARY."

PARA 27: ADD TO END OF PARAGRAPH: "THIS ATTITUDE WAS NOT MODIFIED ON ANY POINT OF SUBSTANCE EITHER AFTER MR. FAHMI'S VISIT TO MOSCOW OR AFTER THE UNITED NATIONS DEBATE ON PALESTINE DURING WHICH THE SOVIET UNION NONETHELESS VOTED FOR THE TWO RESOLUTIONS

SUBMITTED. THIS WOULD LEAD ONE TO THINK THAT IT WILL BE EASIER FOR THE SOVIET UNION TO APPEAR, AMONG THE MAJOR POWERS, AS THE PRINCIPAL PROTECTOR OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND THE PALESTINIANS."

PARA 31: AMEND SECOND SENTENCE TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "FOR EXAMPLE, THE CANAL WOULD GIVE THE SOVIETS, FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1967, THE CAPABILITY FOR SIGNIFICANTLY AND RAPIDLY EXCHANGING AND REINFORCING THEIR NAVAL FORCES AND SUPPORTING LOGISTIC SHIPS BETWEEN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE INDIAN OCEAN." MCAULIFFE

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